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The local epidemic of measles for the week just ended shows a considerable decrease in the number of new cases officially reported. These have been but 10, with no deaths. There has also been 1 new case of enteric fever reported in the city.

The mortuary report of Matanzas for the first ten days of April, not yet at hand, will be submitted with my next report.

Report from Nuevitas—Inspection of vessels.

Acting Assistant Surgeon McConnell reports, April 8, as follows:

During the week ended April 8, 1905, bills of health were issued to the Cuban steamer *Olinda*, crew 45, passengers 28, bound for New York, and the Spanish steamer *Gracia*, crew 34, bound for Pensacola, Fla., via Sagua la Grande.

No quarantinable disease has been reported in this district.

*Report from Santiago—Inspection of vessels—Steamship *Mantinea* from Colon held to complete period after disinfection—Mortuary statistics.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Wilson reports, April 11, as follows:

During the week ended April 8, 1905, bills of health were issued to 9 vessels bound for the United States.

No quarantinable disease has been reported.

The British steamship *Mantinea*, which arrived from Colon, was held in quarantine to complete five days after disinfection. She was disinfected before leaving Colon. All on board were in good health.

The rainy season has set in. For about two weeks we have been having good showers daily, usually in the afternoon.

Last night's newspapers announced that Doctors Cartaya and Marmol, of Habana, have been appointed bacteriologist and assistant bacteriologist, respectively, to the provincial laboratory of bacteriology and bromatology. They should arrive to-day.

An isolation ward for contagious diseases was opened last December. See my report dated December 6, 1904, published in Public Health Reports, Vol. XIX, No. 52, page 2636. This was considered then a temporary measure on account of the limited funds available. I believe it has not been used yet.

Mortuary report for the week ended April 8, 1905.

Cause of death.	Number of deaths.	Bertillon number.
Malarial fever	2	4
Tubercle of lungs	1	27
Alcoholism	1	56
Meningitis	1	61
Cerebral hemorrhage	2	64
Tetanus, infantile	1	72
Organic heart disease	1	79
Entero-colitis	1	105
Athrepsia	1	^a 105
Bright's disease	1	120
Ill defined or unspecified	1	179
Total	13	

Annual rate of mortality for the week, 14.85 per 1,000; estimated population, 45,500.